

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 15 November 2021
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

BARROW HIGHWAYS ADVISORY SUB-GROUP
12 OCTOBER 2021

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report details the discussions and recommendations of the Highways Advisory Sub-Group meetings (HASG) for the Barrow Area which was held on the 12th October 2021. It recommends that the Local Area Committee for Barrow notes the minutes of the HASG meeting. A copy of the HASG minutes are attached as Appendix 1. A copy of the reports which went to the HASG are attached as Appendix 2.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The HASG will help inform and apply the County Highways policy framework. It will help to meet the County Council's key objectives of Greener, Safer, Better, Wealthier and Healthier.*

2.2 *The HASG will help identify equality implications within proposed highway and transportation schemes and issues of concern, and will help prepare more equitable solutions.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *It is recommended that the Barrow Local Committee note the minutes of the meeting of the Barrow HASG which met on the 12th October 2021 which are attached at Appendix 1.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 It is meeting on the 12th October the Barrow HASG received a number of verbal update reports from outside authorities. The first of these was from United Utilities. During the discussion a number of issues were raised including ; the recent sink hole on Hartington Street, sewerage capacity on Walney and some flooding issues in Roosecote. Following the discussion members thanked representatives from UU for attending.

- 4.2 Members then received an update from Cumbria Police who welcomed partnership working, informing the Sub-Group that a meeting was taking place today with regards to the issues on Crellin Street. A discussion then took place regarding problems concerning e scooters and members were informed that a driving licence, MOT and insurance were a requirement by law in order to use them. It was explained that Cumbria Constabulary proposed to carry out a social media campaign to alert the public to those requirements and members suggested that the County Council should also consider including this information on their website.
- 4.3 Other issues discussed included Hollywood park roundabout, loud vehicles and issues on Yarlside road.
- 4.4 Cumbria Fire and Rescue service then updated the group on both recent and upcoming activity. A discussion took place regarding Bonfire Night and the Station Manager confirmed that measures had been undertaken to promote safety. It was explained that communications had taken place with young people through the Hub and it was anticipated further engagement would take place in schools.
- 4.5 The local Member for Hindpool informed the Sub-Group that a Streetsafe event was scheduled to take place in Buccleugh Court and it was agreed that a Team from Cumbria Fire and Rescue would be in attendance. The local Member for Hindpool asked for an update on the problems with regards to waste bins at the rear of Cavendish Street/Preston Street area. The Station Manager confirmed that operational business engagement had taken place and the issues had reduced. The Sub Group was informed that road awareness training had resumed and asked that members promote this to their constituents. The Fire and Rescue Service were thanked for their attendance.
- 4.6 An overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Barrow area was then presented to the group. Following this presentation members asked a number of questions regarding flooding issues in a variety of divisions. The local Member for Hawcoat asked if attenuation plans had been agreed for the Abbey Heights development. The Flood and Development Management Officer confirmed they had been installed and were functioning.
- 4.7 The local Member for Risedale raised concerns regarding recent flooding at Park Drive. Officers acknowledged the concerns and explained that the gullies were unable to cope with the sudden heavy rainfall. The local Member for Roosecote raised concerns regarding Peasholme Lane and it was agreed the Flood and Development Management Officer would investigate this matter and report back direct. The local Member for Roosecote drew attention to the clearing of land on Leece Lane. The Flood and Development Management Officer confirmed this concern had also been raised by Barrow Borough Council officers and the Local Area Highways Network Manager would investigate the matter further.
- 4.8 An update was then given from the Traffic Management Team on road safety around schools, highlighting issues regarding congestion in the immediate vicinity of schools at the start and end of the school day. Members noted that the aim of the Authority was to reduce the risk of collisions and to make the road feel safer in order to improve the attractiveness of walking and cycling to and from school.

4.9 The Traffic Management Team Leader then gave a brief update on the land at the rear of the Cross Keys public house. Work was progressing and he would update members in due course.

4.10 The final report was an update on the current Barrow Highways Works Programme for 2021/22. Following the update a number of questions were asked regarding road reclassifications and preparedness for winter.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 That Local Committee note the minutes from the meeting of Barrow HASG on the 12th October 2021 attached in Appendix 1.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendation to note this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications to this report as it is to note only.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 This report details the discussions and recommendations of the meetings of the HASG on the 12 October 2021 and recommends that the Local Committee note the Minutes of the HASG which are attached as Appendix 1 as detailed in the recommendation in para 3.1.

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October 2021

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Barrow HASG 12 October 2021

Appendix 2 - Reports to Barrow HASG on 12 October 2021

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

Executive Decision

	No
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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